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REMARKS

Claims 1-19, and 21 were pending. Claims 2-8, and 10 have been amended, and claims 1, 9, and 11-12 have been canceled. As a result of this amendment, claims 2-8, 10, 13-19, and 21 are pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying amendments and remarks.

Applicants filed an Amendment After Final Rejection on June 10, 2004, which is requested to be entered prior to the entry of the present Amendment.

Applicants note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on February 18, 2004, has not been acknowledged.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the examiner's statement that claims 13-19, and 21 would be allowable if submitted in a separately timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 2-8, and 10 have been amended to be dependent on claim 13. Therefore, claims 2-8, 10, 13-19, and 21 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the above amendment and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that claims 2-8, 10, 13-19, and 21 be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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